

Special dark skies feature at Muskoka Place Gallery

The most recent exhibition at Muskoka Place Gallery includes a special "dark skies" feature by Toronto artist Jackie Ramo who creates unique handmade art tiles. Ramo shares the exhibition with another well-known Toronto artist, Margie Kelk who creates very unusual one-of-a-kind collage books.

Ramo draws much of her inspiration for her art tiles from her garden and her pond. The description "art tiles" serves to distinguish her as a small studio tile artist, far from the mass-produced industrial tile or from artists who paint on mass-produced bisque or glazed tiles. This means that all tiles produced by her are made from wet clay and are individually prepared for glazing by hand-cutting and carving the design into the tile. Each tile is a unique work of art.

Inspiration for Kelk's installation is drawn from her travels to China. These magnificent books of Chinese watercolour and collaged photographs portray her fascination with the history and the people of that country.

Both artists will be present for the closing reception of this very unusual and not-to-be-missed exhibition from 1 until 4 p.m., coinciding with the Muskoka Star Party celebrations on Saturday, August 11.